

REMARKS

Claims 1-10 are pending in the present application.

In the present Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-10 under 35 U.S.C. 102 as being anticipated by Lee U.S. Pat. No. 6,520,473.

In the present Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-10 under 35 U.S.C. 102 as being anticipated by LeDuc U.S. Pat. No. 6,701,913.

Applicant hereby responds to the Examiner's objections and rejections as described below.

A. Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §102

In the present Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-10 under 35 U.S.C. 102 as being anticipated by Lee '473 and alternately as being anticipated by LeDuc et. al. '913. Both Lee and Leduc are directed towards grills that are engageable to a trailer receiver, however neither reference incorporates provisions to allow the apparatus to be removed from the vehicle for use. Specifically, neither Lee nor Leduc include any structure for allowing the apparatus to rest on the ground.

In order to more clearly identify the relation between the vertical element and the horizontal element, Applicant's have herein amended claims 1 and 7 to point out the presence of a ground engaging element as a portion of the vertical element, such that the in use position allows use of the grill with the grill supported by the ground, while the traverse of the junction element relative to the vertical element allows the vertical element to be placed in a travel position. Such a travel position contemplates that the ground engaging portion of the vertical element would no longer be in contact with the ground, such that the transportable grill could be transported without contact with the ground.

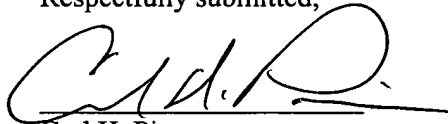
As the remaining claims depend from claims 1 and 7, and since claims 1 and 7 are believed to be allowable over the asserted references, claims 2-6 and 8-10 are believed likewise

allowable, as incorporating by reference the ground engaging portion. Accordingly, claims 2-6 and 8-10 are believed in condition for allowance as well as claims 1 and 7.

Conclusion

Inasmuch as Applicants have traversed the contentions of the Examiner in a diligent effort to place the application in condition for allowance Applicants respectfully request the issuance of a Notice Of Allowance for claims 1-10 at the earliest possible time. Applicants further respectfully request the courtesy of a telephone call should there be any outstanding issues related to the issuance of a Notice of Allowance in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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